

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL LEAGUE TABLES

We were very pleased to see that Dormansland was in the top fifteen schools in Surrey for our 'value added' score at the end of Key Stage 2 on the school league tables. This score measures the amount of progress that children make during their time at school, and a high 'value added' score means that the children make better than average progress. Well done to all the staff and children who worked hard to achieve this excellent result.

PTA PURCHASES

At their last meeting, the PTA agreed to spend nearly £7,000 on extra resources for the school. A 'wish list' had been put together by teachers for resources that they thought would help to make the children's learning extra exciting and memorable. Items on the list include an amazing range, anything from a full size skeleton to games to help children with their reading.

Some of these items will be on display on open afternoon this Friday, so do please come and see how all the money you have worked so hard to raise has been spent. On behalf of all the children who will enjoy using these items in school, please accept a very big THANK YOU!!

BOOK WEEK

Everyone enjoyed our book week this year, and many children took part in our competition. A big thank you to everyone who came along to our after school book sales – as a result of your purchases, the school received an amazing £480 to be spent on books. The order has already gone in and the first books are arriving in school and already being enjoyed by the children.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

And it will be here sooner than we think! Here is a reminder of the days and times for our Christmas celebrations.

The Infant Nativity Play this year is "Baboushka" and will be performed to infant parents in the school hall on two afternoons, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December at 2.00 pm. The dress rehearsal will be performed at 2.00 pm on Monday, 11th December.

This year we are inviting parents with babies and young pre-school children to the dress rehearsal and would request that these young children are not brought to the two performances. Thank you.

All the children, both junior and infant will be taking part in our Christmas Carol Concert at St. John's Church on Thursday, 14th December at 11.00 am, with a rehearsal on Wednesday, 13th December at 11.00 am.

As with the infant nativity, this year we are inviting parents with babies and young pre-school children to the rehearsal on Wednesday and would request that these young children are not brought to the Carol Concert on Thursday. There is no need for tickets for any of our Christmas events – just turn up on the day.

GOODBYE

Sadly, we are saying 'goodbye' to Mrs Pyner who has worked in school for the past couple of years helping individual children with their learning. She will be especially missed by these children well as by all of us here. Our loss is her family's gain, as Mrs Pyner plans to spend more time with her family.

AND FINALLY...

Everyone here at school would like to join me in wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Cowley
Headteacher

 In the event of an emergency closure of the school, (through, for example, bad weather) in addition to an announcement on Radio Mercury, all information will now be posted on the Surrey County Council Web site – www.surreycc.gov.uk/education as well as on our own school site – www.dormansland.surrey.sch.uk